

REMARKS

The Official Action of February 4, 2005, and the prior art cited and relied upon therein have been carefully reviewed. The claims in the application remain as examined claims 1-22, 33-55 and 66-89 (and non-elected and withdrawn claims 23-32 and 56-65¹), and these claims define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance.

Claims 4-22, 36-55 and 69-89 have been only objected as "being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable...." Accordingly, applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and allowance of these claims; and favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Acknowledgment by the PTO of applicants' domestic priority claim is respectfully noted.

Allowable claims 4, 36, and 69 have been rewritten in independent form, incorporating all the features of their respective base claims and intermediate claims. Claims 5-22, 37-55, and 70-89 now depend from claims 4, 36, and 69, respectively, and should each be allowable as

¹ Applicants authorize the PTO to delete these non-elected and withdrawn claims without prejudice to applicants' rights, by Examiner's Amendment.

depending from an allowable base claim. In claims 4, 5, 15, 22, 36, 48, 55, 69, 82, and 89, redundant labels for members of the recited 4-tuples have been removed in order to better comply with U.S. practice.

References below to paragraph numbers are taken from the publication hereof (Publication No. 20020165864 A1).

Claims 1-3, 33-35 and 66-68 have been rejected under §102 as anticipated by Lucas USP 6,725,453 (Lucas). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 33 and 66 have been amended to define over Lucas. Lucas discloses a technique of remote administration in which applications are installed and maintained on a plurality of servers using a single master server and a computer network. Essentially this is done by replicating the entire installation process on different servers using installation scripts (e.g., col. 1; lines 40-46). Amended claims 1, 33 and 66 recite only a single installation on one machine, and thus clearly define over Lucas.

Amended claims 1, 33 and 66 recite identification of files that are functionally read-only, which are moved from

onto a server that is included in a shared file system, and symbolic links created for these files, thereby achieving deployment on a network. Lucas does not disclose differentiating different categories of application files and maintaining a single copy of functionally read-only files.

Dependent claims 2-3, 34-35, and 67-68 have been amended in order to conform to the antecedents of their amended base claims.

Support for the amended claim language is found generally in paragraphs [0062] - [0065] of the published Specification.

Withdrawal of the rejection is in order and is respectfully requested.

The prior art documents made of record and not relied upon have been noted, along with the implication that such documents are deemed by the PTO to be insufficiently pertinent to warrant their application against any of applicants' claims.

It is believed that all issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed above, and that the application is now in order for formal allowance.

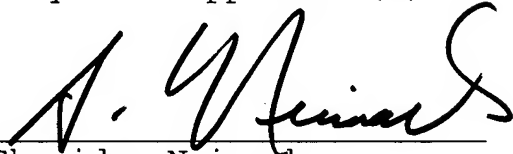
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Favorable reconsideration and allowance are
earnestly solicited.

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